

Abstract of the Disclosure

A paper document printed from an electronic document, in which a note is taken, is input as an image
5 from a paper document inputting unit such as a scanner,
an electronic camera, etc. A note image is extracted
by a note extracting unit. The note image is then
recognized by a note recognizing unit. A note
recognition result and the note image are correlated
10 to the original electronic document, and stored. Data
of the correlation between the note data and the original
electronic document is stored in a document information
file.